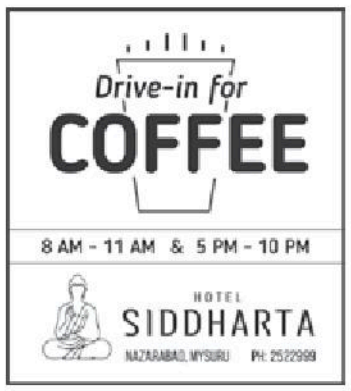

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Assembly polls in Bihar and by-elections in 11 States

NDA leads in Bihar

BJP wrests both seats in Karnataka

BIHAR	
TOTAL SEATS	243
MAGIC NO.	122
PARTY	LEAD / WON
NDA	127
MGB	106
LJP	1
Others	9

KARNATAKA TOTAL SEATS - 2		UTTAR PRADESH TOTAL SEATS - 7		GUJARAT TOTAL SEATS - 8		MADHYA PRADESH TOTAL SEATS - 28		CHHATTISGARH TOTAL SEATS - 1	
PARTY	LEAD / WON	PARTY	LEAD / WON	PARTY	LEAD / WON	PARTY	LEAD / WON	PARTY	LEAD / WON
BJP	2	BJP	6	BJP	7	BJP	20	Cong.	1
Cong.	0	SP	1	Cong.	1	Cong.	7	BJP	0
JD(S)	0	Cong.	0	Others	0	BSP	1	Others	0
Others	0	Others	0			Others	0		

NOTE: *Leads when we went to press at 2 pm.*

Bengaluru, Nov.10 (SSV)- The ruling BJP is all set to win two seats — Sira in Tumakuru District and Raja Rajeshwari Nagar in Bengaluru City — that went to by-polls on Nov. 3, the counting of which was taken up today.

Meanwhile, in Bihar Assembly polls, the ruling NDA comprising Janata Dal (United) and BJP looks like retaining power for the fourth consecutive time.

Of the total 243 seats, NDA was leading in 127, followed by Mahagathbandhan (MGB), comprising Rashtriya Janata Dal and Congress, with 106, Lok Janshakti Party of former Union Minister late Ram Vilas Paswan in one seat and others in 9 seats. Interestingly, the BJP is putting up a good show in Bihar than its alliance partner JD(U) in many Constituencies.

Karnataka by-polls: In Raja Rajeshwari Nagar, Munirathna (BJP) secured 1,03,291 votes,

Munirathna R.R. Nagar

Dr. Rajesh Gowda Sira

Kusuma (Congress) got 58,743 and Krishnamurthy (JD-S) polled 6,952 votes.

In Sira, Dr. Rajesh Gowda (BJP) has got 51,998 votes, followed by T.B. Jayachandra (Congress) 45,886 votes and Ammajamma (JD-S) 25,197 votes.

While it looked as a one-sided fight in R.R. Nagar with BJP candidate leading by nearly 57,000 votes against his rivals, the lead between BJP and Congress was around 5,000 votes in favour of BJP candidate. JD(S) candidate Ammajamma, wife of sitting MLA late B. Satyanarayana, had been relegated to third position.

BJP maintained its lead from the beginning of the first round of counting which began at 8 am amid tight Police protection in respective counting centres.

Congress had fielded H. Kusuma, wife of former IAS officer, late D.K. Ravi, depending upon the sympathy wave.

JD(S) had fielded Krishnamurthy, a political novice. As the overall lead crossed 50,000 mark, Revenue Minister R. Ashok, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Social Welfare Minister B.Sriramulu met Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa and offered sweets. With the victory in two Assembly segements, Yediyurappa has emerged stronger and sent a stern message to his detractors that he was still a force to reckon with.

The Congress camp is rattled with trends in both the seats and disappointed KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar, who along with his brother and MP, D.K. Suresh was in-charge of the prestigious R.R. Nagar seat.

Exit polls disproved: The initial trend of Bihar polls has disproved the predictions of poll pundits. Exit polls conducted by many news channels had predicted the end of 15-year rule by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and resurgence of RJD led by sons of former CM Lalu Prasad Yadav, who is in jail.

Saffron surge: Meanwhile, BJP is leading in by-polls held in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Chattisgarh. Other States that went to by-polls: Haryana, Jharkhand, Manipur, Nagaland, Odisha and Telangana.

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	95
Total positive cases	:	48,850
Discharges yesterday	:	95
Total discharges	:	46,807
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	974
Total active cases	:	1,069

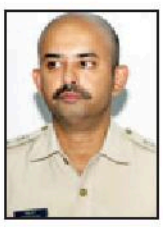
Photo shoot tragedy

Cops to crack whip on illegal use of coracles in rivers: SP Ryshyanth

Mysuru, Nov.10 (SSV)- The Mysuru District Police have decided to book cases against those who operate coracles without safety gadgets such as life jackets.

"This order will come into immediate effect. We will also write to the Department of Water Resources to ban illegal operation of coracles in rivers as it came under that Department," C.B. Ryshyanth, Superintendent of Police (SP), told *Star of Mysore*.

He said close on the heels of Mudukuthore tragedy yesterday in which an engaged couple drowned during pre-wedding photo shoot in a coracle, strict instruction has been given to all



Ryshyanth

Police Stations in the district to book the case without mercy against persons who use the coracles to ferry tourists in rivers without any safety measures. ***[See report on page 5]***

In fact, a number of resorts, situated on the banks of rivers, offer river ride both in motorboat and coracle but by taking all precautionary measures such as life jacket and minimum number of people. But the Mudukuthore tragedy occurred mainly due to the negligence of the coracle operator who allowed pre-wedding shoot, without taking any safety measure, he added.

Can't ban coracle

The SP said it was not possible to ban the coracles that were used in villages for fishing. However, the owners of coracles were not supposed to use it for the jolly ride of tourists without life jackets. The licence to use the coracle is issued by Department of Fisheries and rivers came under Department of Water Resources. The Police come into picture only when such mishaps occur.

"I will write to Water Resources Department seeking ban on illegal operation of coracles in its water," the SP added.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 10th November 2020

Pratibha Puraskar and distribution of awards

Mysuru, Nov.10- The Mysuru District Uppara Employees and Professionals Association will be holding a Pratibha Puraskar, felicitation and awards distribution programme in December this year.

The Association has invited applications from meritorious students of Uppara community from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Kodagu districts, who have scored over 85 percent marks in SSLC and PUC (2019-20), for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. The meritorious students will also be conferred 'Bhagiratha Vidyashri' award.

B. Kaveri of Koodlapura in Nanjangud taluk, who received 4 Gold Medals and 7 Cash prizes in Economics at the University of Mysore's (UoM) Centenary Convocation held recently and currently serving as a woman Police Constable (WPC) at Chamarajanagar will be conferred 'Bhagirathi Suvarna Vidyashri' award.

Dr. Shilpa of Mullur in Kollegal Taluk, who is doing her M.S. Degree in MMC&RI, will be conferred 'Bhagiratha Vaidyashri' award.

Dr. Mahadeva Prabhu of Madhuvanahalli in Kollegal taluk, who got his Ph.D degree at the UoM's centenary Convocation and currently serving as an Assistant Professor, Dr.K. Somashekar of Nadukalu Mole village in Chamarajanagar taluk and other employees, retired employees and top community leaders will be felicitated on the occasion.

The meritorious SSLC and PUC students of the community should send their applications for Pratibha Puraskar before Nov.20 to Linganna, No.2801, Next to Pavitra Chicken Shop, Second Main Road, Jayanagar, Mysuru. For details, call Mob: 99809-06469 or 99004-04446, according to a press release.

UoM Ph.D entrance exam from Nov. 28

Mysuru, Nov.10- University of Mysore (UoM) Ph.D Entrance Examination, which had been postponed due to Corona, will be held from Nov. 28 to Nov. 30 at 10 am at Manasagangothri. Hall tickets for the exam can be downloaded from UoM website: *https://uni-mysore.ac.in/* from Nov. 20, according to a notification released by the Varsity.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, UoM Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan said, "Ph.D Entrance Exams had been postponed due to Corona pandemic. This year, there is an increase in number of students writing the exam. Over 5,000 students of different disciplines are taking up the exam. In view of the pandemic, exams will be conducted with all due precautions to ensure their safety."

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In recent years, psychologists have found ample scientific evidence that testifies to our age-old wisdom. A longitudinal study published in the American Journal of Public Health found that people who are altruistic – the ones who find satisfaction from helping others and giving back to life – can surmount their negative emotional states easily. Researchers conclude that being unselfish leads to better physical and mental health and prolongs the lives of individuals. Altruistic people tend to feel happier, have enhanced positive self-evaluations and show greater levels of life satisfaction. Scriptures tell us that we have been created in the image of God and our existence can be meaningful only when we live up to this image. So, let us learn to give back selflessly to life, without asking for anything in return and finding joy in giving.

— Pulkit Sharma in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bungling burglar leaves his name and address jailed

Sunderland: A bungling burglar who left behind a rucksack containing his name and address at the scene of a crime has been jailed for four years.

43-year-old Malcolm Pyke, broke into a garage in East Herrington, Sunderland and stole £150 worth cleaning equipment on March 6.

As he was making his getaway, he accidentally left behind a bag which contained letters bearing both his name and address which helped Police officers to his home, where the stolen equipment had been left out in the open.

The stolen equipment has been returned to its rightful owner. In addition to pleading guilty to the burglary, Pyke also admitted another burglary, as well as two thefts of property in relation to what police have called a "crime spree" during which he stole clothes from a family's washing line.

When dogs and cats contested for Mayor's post

California: One Californian neighbourhood, who had enough of the acrimonious atmosphere among people ahead of the US elections had organised the local street's Mayoral contest which was fought by cats and dogs, instead.

The 55th Street mayoral race in Oakland started with an incumbent cat named Wally running unopposed, but then other pets pounced at the opportunity to make the race competitive. The ballot was - as in California's actual elections - feature ranked voting, in which voters rank their preferred candidates.

Rachel Kadner, a 43-year-old school librarian, put 6-year-old pit bull mix Macy on the ballot with the slogan 'Keep Oakland Ruff.' "People are really responding to just how fun this is," Kadner said. "(It's) just a way to enjoy our neighborhood." she said.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How fast can a sneeze travel?

Sneeze droplets are ejected from the mouth at a rate of over 100 miles per hour. Speaking of sneezes, very few people can sneeze with their eyes open.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	73
Total positive cases	:	17,571
Total discharges	:	16,631
Total deaths	:	145
Total active cases	:	795

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	12
Total positive cases	:	6,139
Total discharges	:	5,867
Total deaths	:	114
Total active cases	:	147

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	14
Total positive cases	:	5,047
Total discharges	:	4,827
Total deaths	:	64
Total active cases	:	156

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	48
Total positive cases	:	25,934
Total discharges	:	24,565
Total deaths	:	377
Total active cases	:	992

Really...?

- *A snail can sleep for three years.*
- *The fingerprints of a koala are so indistinguishable from humans that they have on occasions been confused at a crime scene.*
- *Slugs have four noses.*
- *A rhinoceros' horn is made of hair.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Sam: *Mommy...*
Mom: *Yes Sam.* ***Sam:*** *Why does someone feel a stomach ache?*
Mom: *Because there's nothing in the stomach.*
Sam: *Danny told me he had a head ache. Does it mean there's nothing in his head?!*
Mom: *....!!!!!!????*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.22
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 97.83
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.21
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.74

VOICE OF THE READER

Plight of Street Vendors and Avenue Trees in J.P. Nagar

Sir,

For the last few days the Street Vendors and Avenue Trees in J.P. Nagar are facing a tsunami of sorts. On Akka Mahadevi Road, J.P. Nagar, pavement is going to be laid for which strips on both sides of the road are being dug up. That has led to the disaster of the Street Vendors who have been doing business in this area right from the days J.P. Nagar began to develop.

It is not only that they have been on this stretch for a long time but during the entire pandemic period they have been relentlessly and bravely serving the residents of this locality and now they are in extreme distress.

Some of them have further squeezed themselves in the spaces between storm water drain and vacant sites. Rain or scorching Sun they are always there. The photos here show their plight.

We should not forget that they depend upon the meagre daily earnings. On one side they have been given loans to carry on their business, on the other they are being uprooted. Development should not mean disaster to the underprivileged people.

We must realise that they are self-reliant and honest people. They deserve respect and should be a part of any development process. Perhaps they have been given an impression that once the pavement is done they can come back to the pavement. That is no solution and is a false hope. The problem of the Street Vendors is not going to go away like this.

The city authorities and urban planners need to ponder on the issue. The one idea which comes to my mind is to revive the concept of traditional weekly *santhe* in different localities of the city on different days. Give a thought to it.

Apart from the problem of the Street Vendors owing to the digging for pavement, the roots of the avenue trees have been badly damaged. I am sure this must be against the law but this damage to the matured trees is going to pose a serious danger to the life and property of the region. The officers concerned should urgently inspect and act.

— P.K. Misra

J.P.Nagar
5.11.2020

Prof. K. Byrappa named among Top Scientists

Prof. K. Byrappa

Mysuru, Nov.10- Prof. K. Byrappa, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Adichunchanagiri University, has been named among the top 2 percent scientists in the world as per a subject-wise analysis conducted by the team of scientists from Stanford University, USA.

Prof. Byrappa obtained his M.Sc, degree in Geology from the University of Mysore with First Rank and Gold Medal, then Ph.D. from Russia's Moscow State University. He has served in several international Universities as Visiting Professor.

As per the Stanford University's study, Prof. Byrappa has been ranked 1,945 among the world's top scientists with 260 papers in Materials Science. He has the most highly cited Publications to his credit.

After completing his higher education abroad, he returned to India and served the University of Mysore for 31 years in various capacities and brought about Rs. 80 crore worth of Projects to the University.

Then Prof. Byrappa served the Mangalore University as Vice-Chancellor for four years and currently serving as the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Adichunchanagiri University, B.G. Nagara, Mandya District. At Adichunchanagiri University, he was instrumental in establishing a world class research lab for Trans-disciplinary research.

Prof. Byrappa has contributed extensively in the field of Hydrothermal Processing of Advanced Materials including Bioconjugated New Anti-Cancer Agents and their Targeted Delivery Systems. In recognition of his contribution to the field of Materials Science, Prime Minister Narendra Modi awarded Prof. Byrappa with a Gold Medal during the 104th Indian Science Congress held at Tirupathi in 2017.

Gets Intl. Recognition

Dr. Mohan Krishna

Mysuru, Nov. 10- Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna, working as an Associate Professor in the Department of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru, has got international recognition, association and affiliations with prestigious educational and professional organisations. Recently he was nominated as an Executive Board Member for African Collaborative Learning Network and Editor for Collaborative Research for Applied Science and Technology (CRASE), Johannesburg, South Africa.

Additionally, he has got institutional association and recognition with a prolific international journal, Journal of Thermal Analysis & Calorimetry, Budapest, Hungary, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, USA, Universal Association of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, New York and The Society for Innovative Educationists and Scientific Research Professional, Malaysia.

'Scientific Pranayama to beat Corona'

Mysuru, Nov. 10- The Department of Chemistry, GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, under its Nature Club, had organised a webinar titled 'Scientific Pranayama helps to beat the fear of Coronavirus' through YouTube live-streaming.

Devaki Madhav, Psychologist and Scientific Pranayama practitioner, Mysuru, who was the guest speaker said today the world is fighting against Coronavirus pandemic and finding solutions to treat the same. It is reported that, COVID-19 patients are suffering from after-effects of the disease because the virus attacks on the respiratory system of the body. However, like other diseases, the ill-effects of Coronavirus can be treated with the help of Pranayama, she added.

Psychologist Devaki Madhav addressing attendees of webinar on 'Scientific Pranayama.'

Explaining that Pranayama is an art of technique to make the respiratory organs to expand intentionally, rhythmically and intensively, she said, "It consists of long, sustained flow of inhalation, exhalation and retention of breath. Inhalation stimulates the system, exhalation throws out vitiated air & toxins and retention distributes the energy throughout the body."

Followed by this, she suggested few Pranayama techniques such as Bhastrika, Kapalbhati, Ujjayi and Anuloma Viloma will reduce the neurological problems, anxiety, negative feelings and demotivation.

She insisted to practice 30 minutes of Yoga and Pranayama followed by meditation every day to stabilise physical fitness and mental well-being of everyone.

The session was followed by question and answer in which most of the doubts of the participants were clarified. More than 300 participants, including staff, students and some external participants were benefited.

The event was co-ordinated by Dr. S. Bellappa, Professor & Head and faculty members, Department of Chemistry, GSSSIETW, Mysuru.

Government appoints VCs to Cluster Universities

Bengaluru, Nov. 10- After a long delay, the State Government late on Saturday announced the appointment of Vice-Chancellors (VCs) to newly formed Cluster Universities.

Bangalore University faculty Prof. L. Gomathi Devi has been appointed as the first Vice-Chancellor of Maharani Cluster University at Bengaluru, while Prof. Puttaraju, currently serving as the Principal of SJB institute of Technology at Bengaluru, has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Mandya Cluster University. In other appointments, Prof. Harish Ramaswamy, a faculty of Karnataka University at Dharwad, has been appointed as the first VC of Raichur Cluster University and Prof. G. Kotreshwar, a former faculty of University of Mysore as the Special Officer of the Varsity and Prof. Srinivas S. Balli, a faculty of Basaveshwara Engineering College at Bagalkot, as VC of Nrupatunga University in Bengaluru.

NEWS BRIEFS

Theatre Training

'Padma Shri Nagarathnamma Women's Theatre Training Camp,' a three-month camp organised by Rangayana Mysuru, will be inaugurated today (Nov. 10) at 3.45 pm. Theatre artiste Ratna Mirle will be the chief guest. Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa will preside.

Scholarship

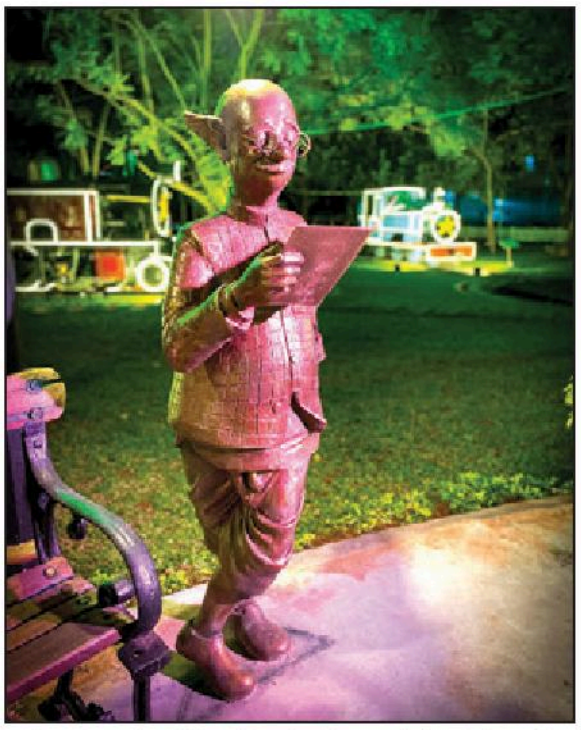
The University of Mysore (UoM) has invited applications from eligible SC / ST research students (20 numbers) for availing scholarship under the special SC/ ST grants for the year 2020-21. SC/ ST community students, who have scored more than 50 percent marks in Post-Graduate courses from UoM and enrolled for research studies are eligible to apply. Interested may obtain the prescribed application form by crediting the application fee of Rs. 100 to the UoM's General Revenue Account (GRA) in the State Bank of India, Crawford Hall branch and submitting the original challan thus obtained, to the Registrar, SC and ST Special Unit, Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, UoM, Mysuru. Filled-in application forms, along with all necessary documents, must be submitted to the same office before Nov. 20 (before 5.30 pm).

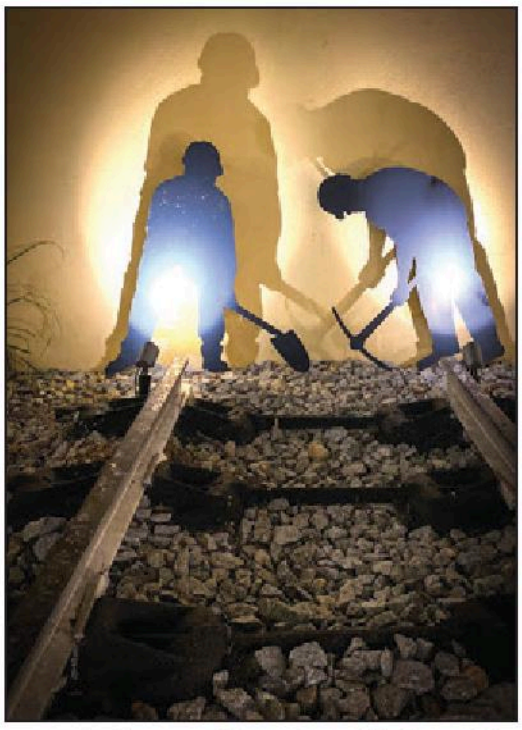
Free eye screening

As a Deepavali offer, Annapoorna Eye Hospital's Hootagalli and Hebbal branches have organised free eye screening for cataract identification from Nov. 10 to Nov. 14 between 10 am and 4 pm. The first 20 senior citizens those who are having cataract can avail free pre-surgery tests and also the iol lens will be provided at a reasonable price. The surgery will be done under COVID safety measures. For details, Ph: 0821-2953658/ 4195213 or Mob: 88844-88262, according to a press release.

Railway Museum sees some light

Records better footfall with illumination during Dasara month





Mysuru, Nov. 10 (PM&DM)- With the Rail Museum, located opposite the CFTRI Main Gate on KRS Road, glittering with special illumination during the 10-day Dasara festival, the decades' old Museum attracted a good number of tourists and visitors in October.

The Museum, that features rare pictures, models and replicas of the old Railway networks during the times of the British and the erstwhile Mysore Maharajas, saw as many as 7,000 people visiting it during the 10-day Dasara festivities, which was held in a simple manner this year due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. Overall, the Museum saw more than 10,000 footfalls in October, even amidst the pandemic, with people still scary to come out of their homes.

The Museum recorded a good collection of Rs. 3.6 lakh as entry fee during *Navarathri*.

The Museum was established in a three acre area facing KRS Road opposite the CFTRI Main Gate in 1979 and is touted to be the oldest Railway Museum of its kind in the country.

During the period prior to COVID-induced lockdown, the Museum used to record over a lakh visitors every year. The Museum, which was shut for about a year for renovation, taken up at a cost of Rs. 9 crore, was re-opened for visitors on Mar. 14, 2020. But unfortunately, it was closed for public only a few days later following the outbreak of the deadly pandemic.

But after the relaxation in lockdown regulations, the Museum was re-opened a couple of months ago, much to the delight of the visitors and Rail travellers.

The Museum is open on all days from 10 am to 6 pm. However, the closure timings was extended to 8 pm during Dasara.

The Museum features a toy train network, with a four-bogie toy train zooming around in a circle covering 600 metres. The toy train is driven by a miniature diesel engine and 30 passengers can hop on to it for a trip. The other features include a Maharani Saloon, a special bogie. This bogie was used by the wife of the erstwhile Mysore Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

The Saloon is decorated with rosewood carvings and features a reading room, a servant room, a foldable wash basin, a bath room etc., This bogie was then considered as a Luxury bogie during the times of the Maharajas decades ago.

Apart from glittering during Dasara, the Museum has a view tower with lift facility from where a visitor gets a full view of the Museum. The Museum located amidst the lush greens, with over 190 plant species, used to draw 4 to 5 thousand visitors every day prior to the lockdown days.

However, all said and done, it may take some more time for the Museum to regain its past footfalls, as people are still afraid to come out due to the pandemic.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.07 ft
Yesterday	124.29 ft
Inflow	4,131 cusecs
Outflow	5,861 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,279.28 ft
Inflow	546 cusecs
Outflow	1,990 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,852.16 ft
Inflow	113 cusecs
Outflow	1,600 cusecs

Srirangapatna Railway Station gets

Environment Management System Certificate

Mysuru, Nov. 10- As part of implementation of National Green Tribunal (NGT) directives, Indian Railways has targeted to obtain 720 major Stations and 6,000 other Stations over Indian Railways the Environment Management System ISO 14001-2015 certification.

In order to comply with NGT directives, Railways have taken various measures like segregation and disposal of waste, disposal of plastic waste, proper disposal of waste water from Railway Stations and ensuring cleanliness in the Stations.

Mysuru Division of South western Railway has identified 12 Stations for implementation of NGT guidelines and Environment Management System (EMS) certification. EMS certification of 11 Stations — Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Nanjangud Town, Davangere, Shivamogga Town, Arsikere, Birur, Harihar, Subramanya Road and Sagar Jambagaru — were completed earlier this year and EMS certification was received for Srirangapatna Station on Nov. 9, 2020, thus achieving the goal of SWR Mysuru Division.

Pre-wedding shoot turns tragic for couple

Mysuru, Nov. 10 (SSV / SK & MK)- A pre-wedding photo shoot turned to be a tragedy for a young couple from Mysuru who met watery grave in River Cauvery at Mudukuthore in T. Narasipur Taluk of Mysuru district on Monday.

The victims have been identified as Chandru (28) and Shashikala (20), both residents of Kyathamaranahalli in city and distant relatives. They got engaged in Nov. 22 last year and their marriage was fixed on Nov. 22 this year. On Monday morning, they set off for a pre-wedding photo shoot and went to Mudukuthore along with Keerthi, a photographer. The engaged couple reached Jaladhama Resort at Mudukuthore and asked the photographer to take their picture like that of the couple in 'Titanic', an English movie.

According to Police, since the motorboat of the Resort was not available they summoned Mugappa, who owns a coracle, and asked him to take them in the water. The coracle was taken about 20 meters away from the river bank with the engaged couple in it. The photographer and Shashikala's brother, Abhi were standing on the bank and encouraging the engaged couple to give the pose like that of *Titanic* movie lead actors. At that time, Shashikala who was wearing the high heeled slippers, lost balance and leaned towards one side. In the process, the coracle turned turtle and all the three fell into the river. While the coracle operator swam to safety, Chandru and Shashikala drowned. The photographer who knew basics of swimming tried to save the couple, but in vain.

The photographer went to Talakad Police Station around 2 pm and informed them about the incident. Immediately, the Police along with the expert divers went to the spot and fished out the bodies. Police Sub-Inspector Siddaiah assisted in shifting the bodies to Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) for post-mortem. Later, Deputy Superintendent of Police of Nanjangud Prabhakar Rao Shindhe and Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Shinde also inspected the spot.

The families of the engaged couple were in a state of shock. Chandru, son of Shivanna and Ratna couple, was into concrete mixer business. He was said to be the sole breadwinner for the family.

A large number of people visit Mudukuthore spot especially during weekend. Many of them take darshan of Mudukuthore Mallikarjunaswamy and then go for boating. The tourists who stay at Jaladhama Resort, are taken a round in River Cauvery in motorboat. Others enjoy the scenic beauty in the coracles available locally which do not have safety gadgets. A similar situation is faced by tourists in Talakad too, say concerned villagers.

Whereall illegal pre-wedding photo shoot takes place

The tragic spot at Mudukuthore.

Mysuru district and surrounding places have become a hotspot for the photographers to do pre-wedding photo shoots of engaged couple at various water spots including backwaters of KRS dam, Srirangapatna, Chunchangiri Falls, Cauvery River near Arkanateshwara Temple in K.R. Nagar, Tiramakudalu in T. Narasipur, Mudukuthore and Talakad. In these places, the coracles are operated illegally. With no safety equipment, the photographers bring the engaged couple not only from Mysuru but also from other places to do pre-wedding photo shoot. The District Administration of Mysuru and District Police must take serious note of the same and book cases against the guilty. They should organise for legal operation of motor boats with all safety gadgets and collect prescribed fee from people.

What's pre-wedding shoot ?

A pre-wedding shoot, often referred to as an engagement shoot, is a photo shoot that usually takes place three to six months prior to the wedding day. Though pre-wedding shoots have become a necessity for most, a lot of couples have started debating on whether or not they should have one. Some couples think it's a waste of money and has no use at all. Well, on that case, they might be wrong. Seeing the people's craze for pre-wedding shoot, a number of individuals and companies is offering it with a pricey sum. A photographer and a makeup person accompany the couple. They take them to different locations for the photo shoot. The glimpses of the shoot are shown on the day or marriage of during the reception.

Before coming to Mudukuthore, the engaged couple tried for the photo shoot in Talakad, but they were sent back by Forest Department personnel. They went in two cars this morning and their vehicles were checked by Forest staff at Talakad check-post who found cameras and other equipment. Permission was not given for the photo shoot. Their request for shooting near the Talakad Temples was also turned down. Then they left the place, according to Forest Department sources.

Anti-Human Trafficking Unit set up in city

Mysuru, Nov. 10 (MK&DM)- In a bid to ensure safety of vulnerable women and children, City Police have set up an Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) in city.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta inaugurated the re-structured Unit at the Women's Police Station at Nehru Circle on Ashoka Road yesterday.

Later, speaking to press-persons, Dr. Chandragupta said that the unit will function under Crime and Traffic Wing of the City Police. Pointing out that the unit will work in co-ordination with the District Child Protection Unit, Child Development Planning Office, Women and Child Development Department and Labour Department, he said that the Anti Human trafficking Unit has been sanctioned out of Nirbhaya funds and the working of the unit has been restructured in accordance with the present requirements.

He further said that the unit will address anti-human trafficking, women and child safety, child labour, bonded labour and such other issues concerning the safety and protection of vulnerable women and children.

Also, the unit will take up investigation of cases where missing children have remained untraced even after four months of complaint at other Civil Police Stations, he added.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna, Devaraja Sub-Division ACP M.N. Shashidhar, Women's Police Station Inspector V.D. Mamatha and other Police personnel were present.

Financial debts: Railway Police Officer commits suicide

Mysuru, Nov. 10 (MK&KS)- A Railway Police Officer, depressed over increasing financial debts, allegedly committed suicide by hanging self at his quarters on Sunday night.

The deceased is Bhyrava (57), an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) with the Railway Police.

Police said that Bhyrava had taken loans and unable to repay the same had committed suicide at his quarters. Ashokapuram Police have registered a case.

Elderly man from city goes missing at Ganjam

Mysuru, Nov. 10 (KS)- A 62-year-old man from city has gone missing from Ganjam in Srirangapatna on Oct. 30.

The missing man is Gopala, a resident of Gayathripuram in city and his son K.G. Vinod Kumar has lodged a complaint at Srirangapatna Police Station.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Mob: 99862-24943.

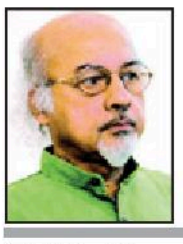
Obituary

Gulnaz

Mysuru, Nov. 10- Gulnaz (72), wife of late Syed Abdul Hye alias Noemon and a resident of Bannimantap 'C' Layout, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city, following brief illness.

She leaves behind two brothers including journalist Afsar Pasha, four sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held at the Muslim Burial Grounds followed by the burial at 9.30 pm yesterday, according to family members.

Trump's heavy footprints on history



Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

For America's sake, and for the world's sake, it was important that Donald Trump should not win a second term as President. That he came close to it points to the power of a disturbing element in American life — racism. Ultimately racism counts in America. In all white countries, there are blacks. But American blacks represent something distinctly American. This relates to the prominent role blacks played as slaves in American history. Following the civil war during the Presidency of the great man, Abraham Lincoln, nearly 4 million slaves were freed.

Donald Trump is not just an American, he is a white American. This was so when he was just a real-estate businessman making his millions in New York. At one point, the Justice Department filed charges alleging racial bias in the Trump family's company. Trump, of course, dismissed the charge as "ridiculous." In the casino the Trumps ran in Atlantic City, it was standing practice that whenever Trump made an appearance, the bosses in charge would order all black people off the floor.

It is an accepted fact that the Coastal States of America are relatively liberal while the South and the hinterland are conservative enough to be racist. This explains Trump sweeping the South and the interior. Clearly a substantial chunk of American citizens are influenced by the hangover of the days when racism was part of life. Slavery was a legally approved practice from the day the United States was founded because the influential plantation owners had institutionalised the import of black Africans as slave labour.

There was a larger cultural mindset that facilitated the import of African slaves. This was the Anglo-Saxon insistence that non-Protestants were not their equals. Thus Irish, Italian, Polish and other "alien" non-Protestants were treated as outcasts. Hispanics, Jews and Middle Easterners like Arabs and Iranians were never recognised as full-fledged Americans. The so-called Native Americans were subjected to organised genocide. Those who still survived were confined to internment camps made especially for them. Racism marked the contours of American history.

Trump is a proud inheritor of that history. It is no surprise that he helped coin that peculiar American phrase, "birther movement." It was the birth of Barrack Obama that was referred to. Trump was the initiator of the theory that Obama was not born in America. That was the only way he could face a popular leader like Obama. Trump's line proved a lie when Obama released his birth certificate and said, "We have no time for this kind of silliness." The phrase stuck. Birtherism now means the theory that anyone not born in America, and not white, is not a real American.

Seen from any angle, a racist approach of that kind was not welcome to many Americans. Trump tried to wriggle out of the mess by saying that he was only talking about the need to crack down on forged birth certificates, a policy followed by Obama and George Bush. No one bought that line, of course. People knew that Trump went to the extent of being nasty in implementing his discriminatory policies. According to *The Washington Post,* a growing number of Latino citizens in Texas are having their citizenship questioned and being denied passports. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations said: "Birtherism is now federal policy. Anyone who is not white is suspected of not being a real American."

That Trump has gone so openly birtherist and that half of Americans approve of it bodes ill for America and the world. Don't fail to note that they gave such a high level of support to him when a decent alternative was available in the persona of Joe Biden. Active in politics and campaigning vigorously,

Biden is a more weighty opponent than John McCain was to Obama in 2008. It seems that the perspectives of American voters have changed. Values and ambitions have changed, for the worse.

Is the world facing a new America? After the collapse of the Soviet Union, America had become the sole superpower. Then China rose to challenge it. Trump has no notion of China and what it means. An American leadership that cannot understand China and Asia is a leadership doomed to fail. **The question is whether Trump will drag America down with him. If that happens, it would be a tragedy. It is a tragedy that we have a world leader who cannot see beyond him and his party. In real terms, this is the fall of America.**

Tipu Jayanti celebrated

Mysuru, Nov. 10 (RKB&DM)-Floral tribute was offered to the portrait of Tipu Sultan as part of 271st Tipu Jayanti celebrated under the leadership of MLA Tanveer Sait at Apna Ghar in Bannimantap this morning.

Addressing the gathering, Sait, who also heads Tipu Sultan Wakf Estate, said that they were not for conflict with the Government over Tipu Jayanti issue.

Maintaining that there should be no politics over Tipu, he condemned the Government's decision of not celebrating Tipu Jayanti and challenged the Government to impose a ban on liquor and gambling, which has been ruining lives of crores of people.

Asserting that it was Tipu Sultan who saved Ranganathaswamy temple at Srirangapatna from foreign attackers, Sait said that a precious stone donated by Tipu to Srikanteshwara temple at Nanjangud is being worshipped even today and people at a village in Kolar district worship Tipu every day.

Urging the leaders in the ruling dispensation not to pollute the minds of people by unnecessarily raising Tipu issue, he invited everyone opposing Tipu for an open debate and called upon people to follow the ideals of Tipu.

Religious leaders Maulana Zakarulla, Maulana Inayat-Ur-Rehman, Maulana Abdul Salam, Maulana Abdul Subani, ex-Corporator Shaukath Pasha, Mohammad Ali Raiza, Rammanahalli Basava Mutt Seer Sri Basavalinga Swamiji, Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar, Corporator and former Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, former Deputy Mayor Shanthakumari, Congress leader M. Shivanna and others were present.

MLA inspects under-construction Mohandas Tulsidas Maternity Hospital

Mysuru, Nov. 10 (SBD&DM)-Two years after the decades-old Mohandas Tulsidas Maternity Hospital at Nanjumalige Circle on JLB Road was demolished for the construction of a modern 100-bed maternity and childcare hospital, KR MLA S.A. Ramdas inspected the ongoing construction works at the Hospital yesterday.

Maintaining that there was no need for inaugurating the Hospital in a hurry, Ramdas said that the hospital should be dedicated for public service only after completion of all civil works, installation of medical equipment, construction of canteen and all other necessary infrastructure.

Calling for expediting the works, he directed the officials to prepare a blue print and an estimate for the construction of residential quarters for hospital staff in 15 days. Pointing out that it is important to have toilets and rest rooms for attendants of patients admitted in the hospital, Ramdas said that the Health Minister will be sought an additional Rs. 67 lakh for the construction.

Corporator Pallavi Begum, Hospital Medical Officers Dr. Somashekar and Dr. Chandrashekar, leaders Shivappa, P.T. Krishna, Girish, Santosh, Vijayakumari, Health Department Engineer Srinivas and other officials were present.

Wild elephant chases bikers on NH-67

'Forests belong to wild animals; do not disturb them,' say wildlife lovers

Videograb of a wild elephant attempting to attack bikers on NH-67, passing through Madhumalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu, adjacent to Bandipur.

Gundlupet, Nov. 10 (SOMG& KS)- An incident of wild elephant attempting to attack bikers and later chasing them away, has taken place on National Highway (NH)-67, passing through Madhumalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu, adjacent to Bandipur and the video has gone viral on social media.

On Monday, between 3.30 pm and 4 pm, four persons on two bikes, were proceeding from Bandipur side towards Ooty on NH-67 where a wild tusker was grazing on the roadside.

Assuming that they could pass by the elephant, the bikers tried to pass the elephant quickly, but the elephant suddenly turned towards the road and tried to attack the bikers, who immediately turned and sped away only to be chased by the elephant to a distance. Luckily, no untoward incident took place and the incident was captured on the mobile phone by a car occupant which has now gone viral.

It may be recalled that a similar incident took place last month at the same spot and another similar incident took place near Gudalur in Tamil Nadu where the biker had to leave his vehicle and flee from the spot. The wild elephant had stayed put near the fallen bike for some time and the biker, with the help of others, managed to get his bike after the elephant went into the forest.

Leave them alone, it is their home: wildlife lovers

Meanwhile, wildlife lovers have cautioned tourists not to disturb wild animals as the forests are their homes and they tend to attack people if they are disturbed.

They said that a few tourists while passing by forests stop their vehicles on seeing elephants grazing and go close to them to click selfies which actually disturb the wild animals. This would result in wild elephants attacking tourists and damaging vehicles. "Just leave them alone and you will be safe," they said.

Deepavali: No entry for devotees at MM Hills

Chamarajanagar, Nov. 10- The Male Mahadeshwara Development Authority has restricted entry of devotees to the hill temple as part of *Deepavali* from 7 pm on Nov. 13 to 7 am on Nov. 16, as a measure to contain COVID-19, ahead of the festival. The order was issued by Deputy Commissioner M.R. Ravi on Monday.

MM Hills Temple *prasada* gets food safety certification from FSSAI

Chamarajanagar, Nov. 10- *Prasada* including ladoos and *Dasoha* meal prepared at Dasoha Bhavan of Sri Male Mahadeshwara Swamy Temple has now secured food safety certification from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Sri Male Mahadeshwara Kshetra Development Authority had sought registration under FSSAI six months ago. FSSAI officials, who visited the temple, had carried out food safety and quality audit three months ago and now, the MM Hills Temple has secured FSSAI certification. The licence is valid for one year and needs to be renewed every year, subject to the conditions laid down under the Food Safety and Standards Act. The food authority regulates and checks for safe food manufacture, storage and handling practices.

Price of ladoo revised

The Male Mahadeshwara Kshetra Development Authority has revised the price of ladoo *prasada* with effect from Nov. 8 based on the expenditure incurred on making ladoos. The price of each ladoo has been now revised from Rs. 20 to Rs. 25.

Secretary of Temple Authority Jayavibhava Swamy stated that the price of ladoos had been increased from Rs. 15 to Rs. 20 in 2015. In the last five years, the cost of food prices has gone up by 50 percent. The salaries of permanent staff members working in food section has also been increased by up to 35 percent. Outsourced employees are now getting 30 percent more remuneration compared to that of five years ago. As a result, temple authorities had no option other than revising the price of ladoos.

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Anganwadi workers stage demonstration demanding Rs.21,000 as minimum wage

Mysuru, Nov. 10- Seeking fulfillment of their various demands, which chiefly included payment of Rs. 21,000 as minimum wages, Anganwadi workers, under the joint banner of Karnataka State Anganwadi Workers Association and Karnataka State Akshara Dasoha Workers Association, staged a massive demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office here yesterday.

Raising slogans against the Government, the Anganwadi workers urged the Government to fulfil their demands which included Rs. 21,000 minimum wages, Rs. 10,000 pension, health benefits, save Anganwadis under the new National Education Policy (NEP), formation of a separate Directorate for Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and employment on compassionate grounds to kin of Anganwadi workers who died during service, among others.

Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) District President Balaji Rao, General Secretary Jayaram and others took part in the protest.

Unidentified persons die at hospital

Mysuru, Nov. 10 (KS)- In separate cases, two persons with only their names known have died at K.R. Hospital in city.

In the first case, an unidentified man, who was found lying sick near RMC Circle on Nov. 2 and admitted to K.R. Hospital by Mandi Police, has breathed his last at the hospital on Nov. 7.

The deceased is aged about 73 years and only his name has been identified as Narasimha. His left hand has been cut below the shoulder and has a tattoo of Lord Hanuman on his right hand.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mandi Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418513 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

In the second case, a 35-year-old man, identified only as Puttaswamy alias Palani Swamy, who was found sick in Varuna Police limits and admitted to K.R. Hospital on Nov. 7 by a shopkeeper, has breathed his last at the hospital at about 6.30 am on Nov. 8.

Those having any information about deceased Puttaswamy or the kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Varuna Police Station on Ph: 0821-2594411 or District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

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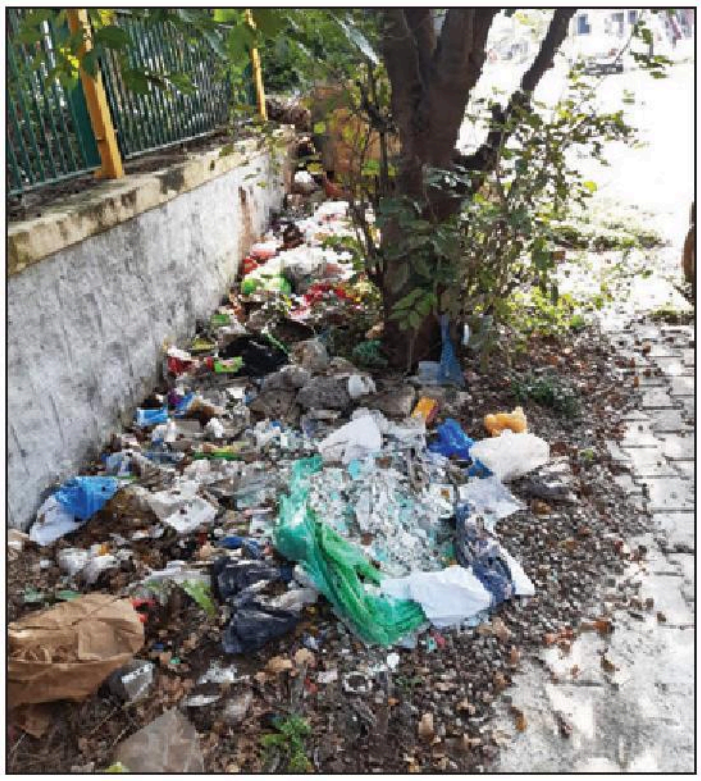
Plea to clear garbage at Bannimantap



Garbage dumped near Umar Khan Park on the 5th Main Road of Hanumanthanagar in Bannimantap is not cleared since many days and is now emanating foul smell. Residents said that the garbage was attracting a lot of rodents besides stating that there is an increase in mosquitoes in the area due to frequent dumping of garbage of all kinds in the open. They alleged that despite lodging several complaints, no action has been taken till date to clear the garbage. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

The pathetic condition of the main road in Vijayanagar

The main road connecting Hootagalli from Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 2nd Phase, is in a pathetic condition and has become unmotorable especially to two-wheeler riders, who are often found skidding and falling on this so called road and injuring themselves. Residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the road asphalted at the earliest for the benefit of all.

'RamaGovinda Rangamandira' handed over to Kannada Samsthe

Trustee of Smt. D. Ramabai Charitable Foundation Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi (3rd from right) giving an earthen lamp to the President of Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika Samajika Samskrutika Samsthe P. Mallesh as a mark of handing over the newly built 'RamaGovinda Rangamandira' in the premises of Nrupathunga Kannada School, Ramakrishnanagar, at an event held on Sunday as others look on.

Mysuru, Nov. 10 (MK&SD)- 'RamaGovinda Rangamandira,' built by Smt. D. Ramabai Charitable Foundation and Sri M. Gopinath Shenoy Charitable Trust, Mysuru, in the premises of Nrupathunga Kannada School at Ramakrishnanagar E and F Block in city, was formally handed over to Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika Samajika Samskrutika Samsthe on Sunday.

At an event held at the newly build Rangamandira, Trustee of Smt. D. Ramabai Charitable Foundation Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi gave a earthen lamp to the President of Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika Samajika Samskrutika Samsthe P. Mallesh as a mark of handing over the Rangamandira. Later, Kannada Samsthe felicitated industrialist Dr. Jagannath Shenoi and Kusuma Shenoi couple.

Speaking on the occasion, M. Jagannath Shenoi said, "RamaGovinda National Award has been instituted by our Trust to recognise and honour notable personalities who are involved in the betterment of the society. And now we have built this Rangamandira. I wish there would be Rangamandiras in all four corners of the city."

P. Mallesh, who later addressed the gathering, lauded the efforts of theatre personality Jayaram Patil for taking up the responsibility of constructing the Rangamandira with much involvement and commitment.

Theatre Director B.V. Rajaram stated that the newly constructed RamaGovinda Rangamandira reminds him of Rangashankara which has been built in memory of well-known theatre-television-film personality late Shankar Nag in Bengaluru.

Later, STEM Dance Kampni of Bengaluru presented traditional and contemporary dance.

President of B.V. Karanth Pratishtana Jayaram Patil, well-known anchor and actress Aparna, Secretary of Kannada Samshte S.R. Sudarshan, Dharmadarshi Shailaja, Joint Secretary Sheela, Treasurer N. Nagachandra and others were present.

Prabodha, Rangaspanda and *Nelada Taaregalu*

Books of G.N. Bhatt released

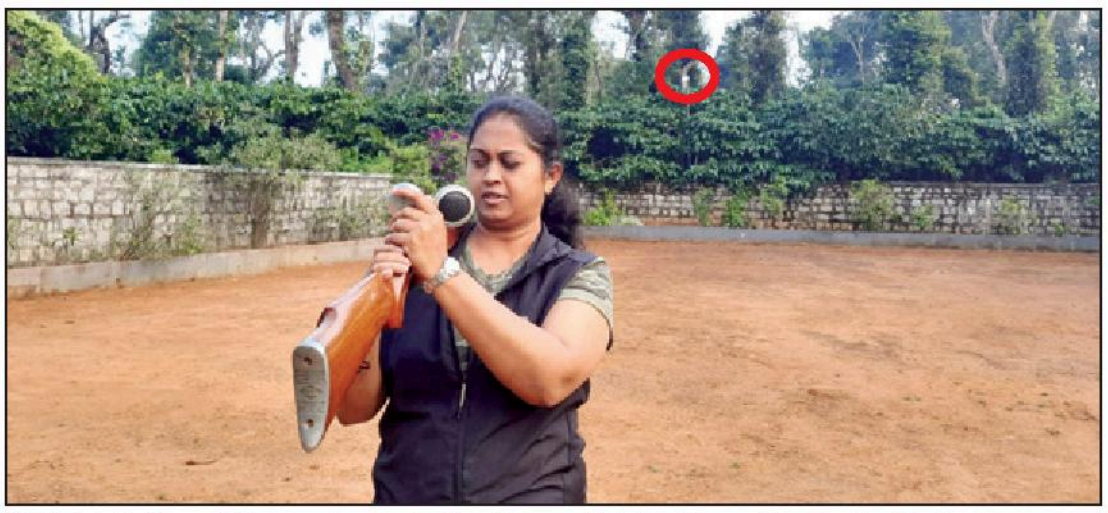
Police Training School Principal Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti releasing books written by writer and critic G.N. Bhatt at Natana Rangashale in Ramakrishnanagar in city on Sunday. Others seen are (from left) noted actor & theatre artiste Mandya Ramesh, scholar Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj, columnist N. Ravishankar, Sanskrit Professor T.N. Prabhakar (retd.), Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa and G.N. Bhatt.

Mysuru, Nov. 10 (RKB&SD)- Priyadarshana Samskritika Vedike of Srirangapatna had organised a book release programme at Natana Rangashale in Ramakrishnanagar on Sunday where three books titled 'Prabodha,' 'Rangaspanda' and 'Nelada Taaregalu,' written by writer and critic G.N. Bhatt, were released.

Speaking after releasing the books, Police Training School Principal Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti said, "Vidwan G.N. Bhatt has been contributing to the field of literature without much pomp and show. The articles written by the author of these books are of immense value and are about history, culture, literature, theatre and other such interesting topics. In these articles, he has quoted a number of Sanskrit shlokas in between. Readers would get more benefit if they have little Sanskrit knowledge while reading these books. I wish he would write more and more of such books. Both the Government and our society need to recognise such authors and honour them."

Scholar Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj addressed the gathering. Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, columnist N. Ravishankar, noted actor, theatre artiste Mandya Ramesh and writer and critic G.N. Bhatt were present.

Rare or Rear SHOOTING !



Kallichanda Deena Uthappa demonstrating her rare hobby of 'rare shooting' inside the compound of her house in Tavalageri village, Virajpet taluk, by tying a balloon on a tree at a distance.

Virajpet, Nov. 10- Two years ago, a lady from Kodagu, the land of warriors, came to Mysuru to witness a circus with her family members. She was very much inspired by a person who hit the target by aiming the gun backwards.

After going back to her native Tavalageri village in Virajpet taluk, she literally took up the air rifle to try what that person in the circus company did. Initially, it was not a successful mission as she was missing the target many times. However, after rigorous practice, she achieved success by hitting the bull's eye with ease.

This is the story of **Kallichanda Deena Uthappa,** a Kodavathi, who is now a talk of the town for her rare talent. "Guns are not strange to Kodavathis. What started for fun has now become my hobby," Deena said with the air rifle on her shoulder.

Now, with a rifle placed on the shoulder and pointed backwards at the target, looking at the mirror and bang, the pellet from the air rifle hits right at the target.

While most people are unable to aim the correct way, she effortlessly shoots the target by firing the rifle backwards by ease.

She developed interest in guns since childhood and had participated in coconut shooting competitions during festivals.

"I first saw backward shooting when I went to Bombay Circus during Mysuru Dasara and thought of trying the same when I went back home. Though I started shooting backwards for fun about two years back, I took it seriously six months ago and succeeded. I have now taken it as a hobby," the 40-year-old said.

Deena practices inside the compound of her house by tying a balloon on a tree at a distance of 35 to 40 ft. Then she will hold a small mirror in her left hand and the air rifle barrel pointing towards the target. Looking at the image of the target in the mirror, she pulls the trigger with her right hand thumb and the next is the pellet hitting the target. "I use the air rifle as it does not flinch. Moreover, it is safe," she adds.

An Arts Graduate from Cauvery Women's College at Virajpet, Deena is a multi-faceted personality, who is also a master in handicrafts and has a credit of directing a short film in Kodava language as part of campaign for a multi-speciality hospital in Kodagu.

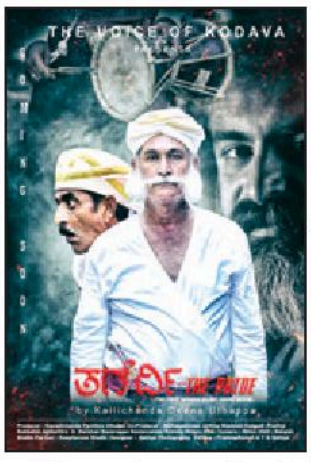
KODAVAS AND GUNS

Kodava community has a long history with guns and historians say that their culture is intrinsically linked with firearms. They (Kodavas) worship guns with other traditional weapons during *Kailpodh (Kail Murtha)* festival. *Kailpodh* is a festival similar to *Ayudha Puja,* where weapons — Guns, Odikathi and Peechekathi — are worshipped. Shooting competitions are a custom during *Kailpodh,* during which women too participate.

Huttari (Harvest festival) begins with a gun shot in the rice fields. Kodavas also use the gun for the two most important ceremonies of their lives — birth and death. The arrival or a departure of the soul is signalled with gunshots.

Daughter of Kavadichanda Gappu Ganapathi and Kavadichanda Kitty Kaveramma (Mundachadira - Mythadi), Deena is married to Kallichanda Sudhish Uthappa. The couple has two children — Tanvi Uthappa and Dhruv Kariappa.

Thag'rdhi: First Kodava silent short movie



Deena has another feather in her cap of having directed "Thag'rdhi," the first Kodava silent short movie released in June 2020 under the banner of VOICE of Kodava.

This movie inspired each and every soul of the community. It uplifted the thought that true power lies in the hands of the people to safeguard their culture and pride. Though it was a speechless movie, it communicated many things. She has also directed "Balra Nadel" (Co-directed by Gana Somanna Thadiyangada) and "Nepp'ra Nala" which showcased Kodava culture and tradition. Her films have received widespread appreciation.

Mysuru to be pothole-free in New Year-2021

Mysuru, Nov. 10 (SSV&MTY)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has an ambitious plan of filling up all potholes across the city before December 31. The Corporation has already released Rs. 10 lakh for each Ward for all 65 Wards to repair potholed roads all over the city. Tenders will be called soon to take up filling up of pothole on priority.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde told *Star of Mysore* that "filling up of potholes on important roads have started. In fact, it was taken up during Dasara but suspended due to rains. We knew very well that repair will not last long for more if it was done during rains."

Rs. 25 lakhs spent

In the first phase of work, potholes on major roads in city as well as in extension areas has been taken up at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh. With this, all potholes in Central Business District and on main roads will be filled up. The select contractors had been given piece-work contract. The work is expected to be completed within a week.

The roads which were dug up to lay the underground cable, too were being repaired. Since the road cutting was more than one feet, motorists were finding it difficult to drive. Understanding this, MCC has taken up the work on filling up those roads.

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 11)

- **Zilla Panchayat (ZP):** Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) progress review meeting, ZP President Parimala Shyam presides, **10.30 am.**
- **JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER):** 11th Convocation, Suttur Seer and JSS AHER Chancellor Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar delivers the Convocation address, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and JSS AHER Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh will be present, Suttur Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, [Livestreaming on JSS AHER YouTube Channel *(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJnRq334duQGXu9XTlsK_ng)* and live screening at JSS Pharmacy College, Bannimantap and few other JSS institutions], **11 am.**
- **Gorupa Balaga, Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Rural and City Units, Akhila Bharata Veereshaiva and Lingayata Mahasabha, Kadali Mahila Vedike, Basava Balagagala Okkuta, Rotary Mysore North and Nagumukha Geleyara Balaga:** 'Shraddanjali' to Rtn. G.R. Parameshwarappa, a retired PWD Engineer and a resident of Siddarthanagar, who passed away on Oct. 25, rendering of Vachanas and Bhavageete that Parameshwarappa liked, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Navajyoti auditorium, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, **4 pm to 7 pm.**

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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Dia (K)	(S-1)	11.30 am
	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Break The Silence The Movie (Korean)	(S-1)	2.20 pm, 4.50 pm
Sky Fall (E)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
Shivarjuna (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Darbar (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Don't Breathe (E)	(S-3)	7.40 pm
Baahubali - The Beginning (Te)	(S-4)	6.40 pm

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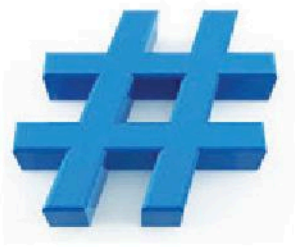
Dia (K)	(S-1)	1.40 pm
Rangasthalam (Te)	(S-1)	5 pm
KGF (K)	(S-3)	12.00 noon
5 Adi 7 Angula (K)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Baahubali - The Beginning (H)	(S-2)	6 pm
Break The Silence The Movie (English Sub Title) (Korean)	(S-2)	1 pm, 3.30 pm
	(S-3)	7 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

WORD OF THE DAY

Octothorpe



Pronunciation: AHK-tuh-thorp.
Meaning: The symbol #.
Origin: A versatile symbol with many names (among them hash mark, number sign, and pound sign), the octothorpe has become popularised in hashtags, those words or phrases prefixed by the symbol on Twitter and other social media especially to classify or categorise the accompanying text. The octothorpe is believed to have been adopted by the telecommunications industry with the advent of touch-tone dialing in the 1960s, but it remains unknown how, exactly, the symbol got its odd name. The octo- part almost certainly refers to the eight points on the symbol, but the -thorpe bit is mysterious. One story links it to a telephone company employee who happened to burp while talking about the symbol with coworkers. Another relates it to the athlete Jim Thorpe and the campaign to restore posthumously his Olympic medals, which were taken away after it was discovered that he played baseball professionally previous to the 1912 Games. A third claims it derives from an Old English word for "village."

THE ODD WORD

Obeliscolychny

Lighthouse.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

On a hiding to nothing

Meaning: To be faced with a situation which is pointless, as a successful outcome is impossible. This is usually expressed in terms of a sporting contest in which one of two outcomes is foreseen, either a hiding or nothing. The 'to' in the phrase indicates alternative outcomes, as in terms like '6 to 1' or 'dollars to doughnuts'.
The phrase has two applications. One scenario would be that of a team which is expected to win easily but has the betting odds so strongly in its favour that no kudos or reward, that is, 'nothing' , would be gained from victory. The other is that of a weak contestant who is expected to be beaten, that is, get 'a hiding'.
Origin: The phrase is known from the early 20th century and originated as horse racing parlance. The earliest record that one can find is from Arthur Binstead's novel Mop Fair, 1905, or, to give it its glorious technicolor name, Mop Fair. Some Elegant Extracts from the Private Correspondence of Lady Viola Drumcree, the Fatherless Daughter of Feodorovna, Countess of Chertsey: "They will, like the man who was on a hiding to nothing the first time Tom Sayers saw him, 'take it lying down'." Here are two citations that demonstrate the alternative possible scenarios: 1975 - The Sunday Times: "The Indian batsmen were on a hiding to nothing. They could not win." 1977 - The Times: "Derby know they are on a hiding to nothing at Fourth Division Colchester, who have a reputation as giant-killers."

QUOTE BOX

Man is not what he thinks he is, he is what he hides. **— André Malraux**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

YOU JUST ME

Answer: Just between you and me.

SUDOKU

	1	8	7					9
	6	5						
				3	5			
	9	2	3		7			
				2				
			9		1	6	3	
			4	6				
						9	4	
8					3	7	5	

Answer to previous puzzle

9	7	1	6	2	8	4	5	3
4	2	8	7	3	5	1	9	6
6	3	5	9	1	4	2	8	7
2	6	7	1	4	9	8	3	5
5	4	3	8	6	7	9	2	1
1	8	9	3	5	2	6	7	4
8	1	4	5	9	3	7	6	2
7	5	2	4	8	6	3	1	9
3	9	6	2	7	1	5	4	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Garden tools
5 Driving while intoxicated
8 Fictional rabbit
12 Poker stake
13 Charged particle
14 Long-eared and short-tailed hopper
15 Stocky; solid (5-3)
17 Zeenat of Bollywood
18 European Economic Community
19 Price reduction
21 Striped animal
24 Former U.S. President
25 Let __ __: tell? (2,2)
26 Going through a ___ ___: going through an unlucky or period in life? (3,5)
30 Nav Data Base
31 Narrow street
32 Debtor's letters
33 Dearer in price
35 Venomous South African viper
36 Sibilance
37 Mends socks
38 Wides and no balls
41 Robert's pet name?
42 South Pacific boat
43 Ludicrous; absurd
48 "Laughing Cavalier" painter
49 Girl's name
50 Effortless
51 "Hay a" change for an Indian maid servant
52 Colloquial word for a lord?
53 One of Captain Hook's men

DOWN

1 Triumphant cry
2 At___:inastateofagreement?
3 Estimated Time of Arr.
4 English river
5 Platter
6 Intense mental distress
7 Trespasser, gatecrasher
8 "B" in BARC?
9 Avatar of Vishnu
10 Part of QED
11 French name
16 Affirmative reply
20 Sight
21 Heavy metal
22 Internal as a prefix?
23 Cuts the hair
24 Tightly packed bundles
26 Happily oblivious
27 Stadium section
28 Sore on foot or toe
29 Embraces, cuddles
31 Ms Bhatt of Bollywood
34 Flog
35 Infants or nurslings
37 Document, in short
38 Hebrew measure - "pa he" anagram?
39 Diagnostic aid (1-3)
40 Weight used to measure gold, etc. in India
41 Small nail
44 Music director Malik
45 Comp. Aided Manufacture
46 Suffix for enzymes
47 Alkali or alkaline solution

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

J	O	T	■	C	A	S	T	■	S	S	E	S
A	H	A	■	A	C	H	E	■	T	A	L	E
B	O	T	H	E	R	E	D	■	A	K	I	N
■	■	T	I	N	E	A	■	I	L	I	A	D
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D	R	E	S	S	Y	■	E	Q	U	A	L	S
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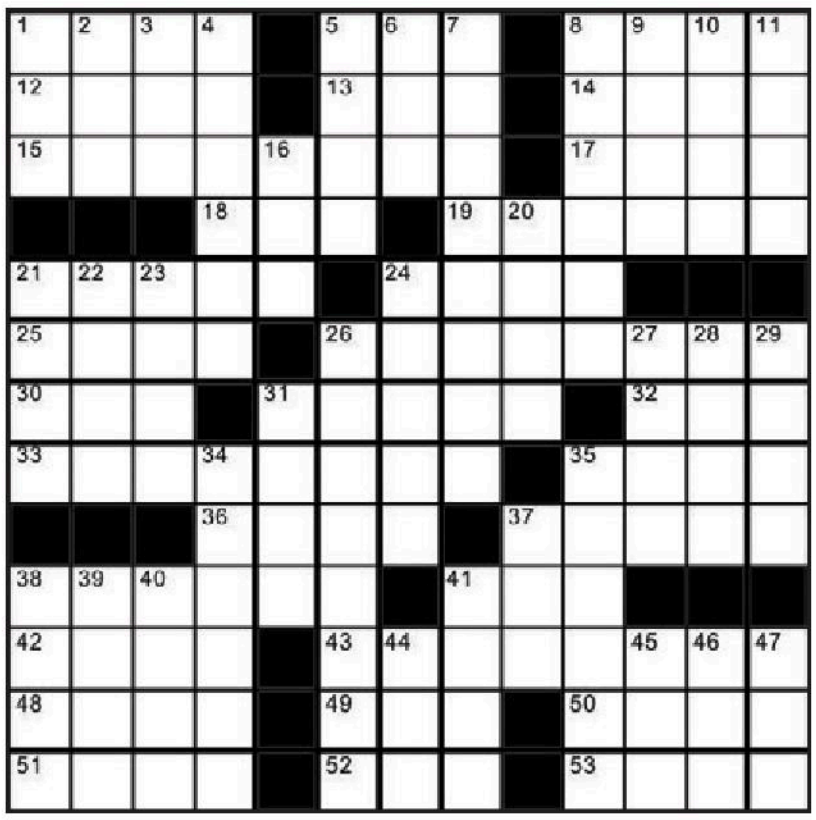

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SEZQ HCQ XQBH YBQ KI UCEH WB WR TKYA FKUQA,

ERO HEZQ HCQ AQBH EB WH CEFFQRB.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Each success only buys an admission ticket to a more difficult problem.

Trailblazers emerge WT20 Challenge 2020 Champions

Sharjah, Nov. 10- Trailblazers (118 for 8) defeated Supernovas (102 for 7) by 16 runs in the final of the Women's T20 Challenge 2020 at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium yesterday to win their maiden title.

Chasing an under-par 118 for 8 after Radha Yadav became the first player to take a 5-wicket haul in the history of the tournament, Supernovas remained in the hunt while captain Harmanpreet Kaur (30) and Shashikala Siriwardene (19) were at crease but they lost 4 for 28 in the last six overs to eventually finish on 102. Salma Khatun picked up two wickets, including Harmanpreet, in 19th over of the chase with Supernovas needing 28 runs to win off the last two overs, to seal the deal for Trailblazers.

Earlier, Trailblazers were helped along by their captain Smriti Mandhana, who hit 68 runs off 49 balls, after Trailblazers were asked to bat by Supernovas at the toss. Mandhana and Deandra Dottin (20) added 71 for the first wicket in 11.1 overs to lay a good foundation for the rest of the line-up to capitalise. However, Mandhana's wicket in 15th with score 101 for 2 brought about a collapse for Trailblazers as they managed to add just 16 runs in the last five overs while losing 6 wickets, 4 of which came in the last over.

Radha was the wrecker-in-chief for Supernovas with her miserly spell of left-arm spin bowling. She dismissed Sophie Ecclestone (1), Jhulan Goswami (1) and Harleen Deol (4) in the 20th over as Trailblazers failed to get any sort of momentum at the death. Radha finished with 5 for 16 while Poonam Yadav and Siriwardene got a wicket each.

In reply, Supernovas were 37 for 3 in the ninth over after having lost Jemimah Rodrigues (13), Chamari Athapaththu (6), and Tania Bhatia (14) before Harmanpreet and Siriwardene added 37 runs for the fourth wicket. However, Supernovas choked in the last five overs, losing 3 for 27, and thus conceded the match and their title that they had won for two years in a row in 2018 and 2019.

For Trailblazers, Khatun got 3 for 18, Deepti for 2 for 9 and Ecclestone picked up 1 for 26.

Yadav creates history

Radha Yadav became the first bowler in the history of WT20 Challenge to take a 5-wicket-haul when she finished with figures of 5 for 16 in 4 overs for Supernovas against Trailblazers in the final of the 2020 edition. She got 3 of these 5 wickets in the last over of the first inning that yielded just one run for Trailblazers.

BRIEF SCORES

Trailblazers: 118/8 (Smriti Mandhana 68, Deandra Dottin 20; Radha Yadav 5/16) beat **Supernovas:** 102/7 (Harmanpreet Kaur 30, Shashikala Siriwardene 19; Salma Khatun 3/18) by 16 run.

Trailblazers Captain Smriti Mandhana receiving 'Women's T20 Challenge 2020' trophy from Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) President Sourav Ganguly and Honorary Secretary Jay Shah.

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MYSORE WINTER RACES 2020

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

Octavius may win

Mysuru, Nov.10- Following are the selections for the 1st Day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here tomorrow (Nov. 11, 2020):

1.	2.00 PM	**THE GADAG PLATE**
		1200 mts - 3 years (TERMS)
		1. Ceffina 2. Silver Days Again
2.	2.30 PM	**THE B.R. HILLS PLATE**
		1400 mts - rated 00 to 25
		1. Kingstar 2. My Queen
3.	3.00 PM	**THE DHARWAD PLATE DIV. II**
		1200 mts - rated 20 to 45
		1. Octavius 2. Time Traveller
4.	3.30 PM	**THE Lt. Col. C. RUDRAPPA MEMORIAL PLATE**
		1400 mts - rated 20 to 45
		1. Ascendent 2. Amazing
5.	4.00 PM	**THE DHARWAD PLATE DIV. I**
		1200 mts - rated 20 to 45
		1. Yaadein 2. Jameson
6.	4.30 PM	**THE BIRD SANCTUARY PLATE**
		1200 mts - rated 60 and above
		1. Illuminate 2. Gran Paradiso
7.	5.00 PM	**THE SHARAVATHI PLATE**
		1400 mts - rated 40 to 65
		1. Gintoki 2. Tarek

DAY'S BEST: *ASCENDENT*

DOUBLE : *1. YAADEIN 2. GINTOKI*

JACKPOT: *3, 4, 5, 6, 7*

I - TREBLE: *2, 3, 4* ***II - TREBLE:*** *5, 6, 7*

EXACTAS: *6, 7*

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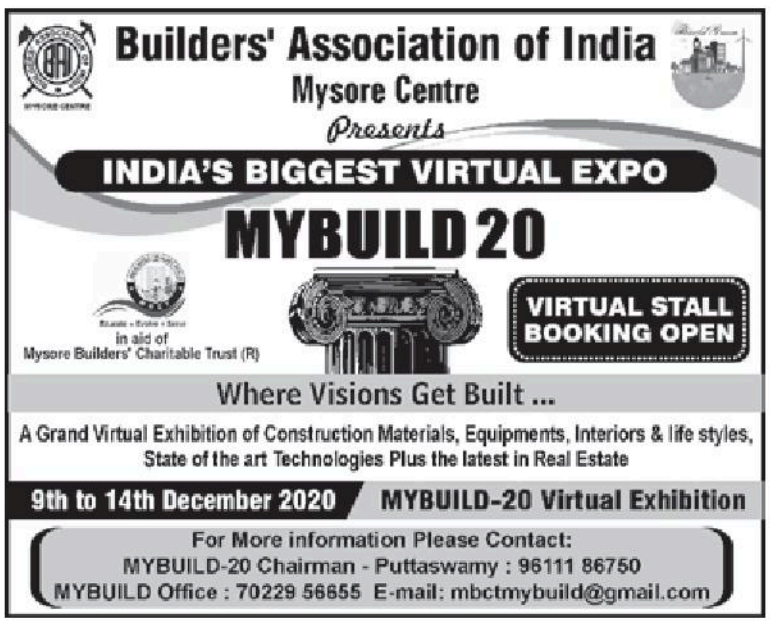
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